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Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

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**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR IMPROVING FLEXIBILITY IN
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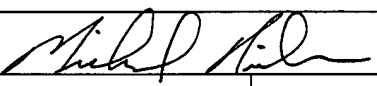


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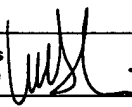
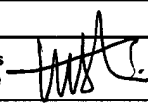
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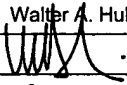
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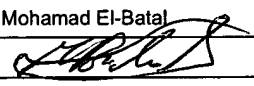
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